

[7 August, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

**CBI Enquiry against Oil Companies**

**1617. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has recently registered a preliminary enquiry against some officials of three Government owned oil companies for extending credit facility to eight private airlines, as reported in the Hindu of 14th June, 2000;
- (b) if so, whether this includes as international airlines also;
- (c) whether proper bank guarantee securities were obtained;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY):** (a) to (e) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has initiated a preliminary enquiry on the issues of non-recovery of dues from private domestic airlines and international airlines. Bank guarantee / securities were obtained in some cases.

**Use of Diesel as Fuel by Power Generation Projects**

**†1618. DR. D. MASTHAN:**

**SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:**

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted the use of diesel as fuel in the power generation project in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government have assessed the additional

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<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.